

District, and I share my colleagues' concern about this current financial crisis.

Having spent time in this city as a child, and now as a U.S. Representative, residents of the District and visitors to our Nation's Capital deserve better. They deserve to know how their money is being spent and they deserve more accountability. And, frankly, so do all the American people. It is our Nation's Capital, and it should reflect America at its best.

That is why I joined as a cosponsor of H.R. 1345, the D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. I believe that the proposed Financial Control Board will help put the District of Columbia back on the right track.

I have spent the first 3 months of my term in committee hearings on this matter, and from what I have learned, the Financial Board is the only true option we have to making the city solvent again. This Control Board will have the authority to review city budgets, all District master plans, labor contracts before they are approved, all city borrowing, including loans from the U.S. Treasury and borrowing for the D.C. government. The Board will continue to operate at full authority until the District balances its budget for at least 4 straight years and it remain in a reduced oversight capacity until the city pays off all loans taken out under its authority. A five-member board will be individuals with proven financial or management expertise.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Board to be formed as soon as possible so that the city will be returned to a fiscally sound status, such that all citizens, especially its children, are given a better quality of life by the District's government.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice today to those who have offered their support for H.R. 1345, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act.

In a Congress where recent debates have given new meaning to the word "partisan," this bill is indeed a rarity. It is a rapid bipartisan response to a crisis which, by its very nature, has invited partisanship at every turn.

Also, unlike many other critical bills in this Congress, H.R. 1345 has had appropriate deliberations. In addition to meeting with D.C. government officials, the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia heard testimony from State and municipal officials who have worked extensively with municipal financial control boards. Because control boards are rarely used, the knowledge derived from the testimony of these experts was priceless.

Finally, subcommittee members and staff worked around the clock to incorporate what they had learned into the legislation before us today. This is a model bill, and I hope that other committees will take heed of our example.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time has expired.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER], that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1345, as amended.

The question was taken, and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1345, the bill just considered and passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 244, THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight be given until midnight tonight to file the conference report on S. 244, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 5 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 5 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HASTINGS of Washington] at 5 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 831) an Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sale and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT AMENDMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 716.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 716, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 280]

YEAS—384

Abercrombie	DeLay	Hostettler
Ackerman	Dellums	Houghton
Allard	Deutsch	Hoyer
Andrews	Diaz-Balart	Hunter
Archer	Dicks	Hutchinson
Armey	Dingell	Hyde
Bachus	Dixon	Jackson-Lee
Baesler	Doggett	Jacobs
Baker (CA)	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Baker (LA)	Doyle	Johnson (SD)
Baldacci	Dreier	Johnson, E.B.
Ballenger	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Barcia	Dunn	Johnston
Barr	Durbin	Jones
Barrett (NE)	Edwards	Kanjorski
Barrett (WI)	Ehlers	Kaptur
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Kasich
Barton	Emerson	Kelly
Bass	Engel	Kennedy (MA)
Bateman	English	Kennedy (RI)
Beilenson	Ensign	Kennelly
Bentsen	Eshoo	Kildee
Bereuter	Evans	Kim
Bevill	Everett	King
Bilirakis	Ewing	Kingston
Bishop	Farr	Klink
Bliley	Fawell	Klug
Blute	Fazio	Knollenberg
Boehlert	Fields (LA)	Kolbe
Boehner	Filner	LaFalce
Bonilla	Flanagan	LaHood
Bonior	Foley	Largent
Bono	Forbes	Latham
Borski	Ford	LaTourette
Boucher	Fox	Lazio
Brewster	Frank (MA)	Leach
Browder	Franks (CT)	Levin
Brown (CA)	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Brownback	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (GA)
Bryant (TX)	Frost	Lewis (KY)
Bunn	Funderburk	Lightfoot
Bunning	Furse	Linder
Burr	Ganske	Lipinski
Burton	Gekas	Livingston
Buyer	Gephardt	LoBiondo
Callahan	Geren	Lofgren
Calvert	Gibbons	Longley
Camp	Gilchrest	Luther
Canady	Gillmor	Maloney
Cardin	Gilman	Manton
Castle	Gonzalez	Manzullo
Chabot	Goodlatte	Markey
Chambliss	Goodling	Martinez
Chapman	Gordon	Martini
Christensen	Goss	Mascara
Chrysler	Graham	Matsui
Clay	Green	McCarthy
Clayton	Greenwood	McCrery
Clement	Gunderson	McHale
Clinger	Gutierrez	McHugh
Clyburn	Gutknecht	McInnis
Coble	Hall (OH)	McIntosh
Coburn	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Coleman	Hamilton	McKinney
Collins (GA)	Hancock	McNulty
Collins (IL)	Hansen	Meehan
Collins (MI)	Harman	Meek
Combest	Hastert	Menendez
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Metcalfe
Cooley	Hastings (WA)	Meyers
Costello	Hayes	Mfume
Cox	Hayworth	Mica
Coyne	Hefley	Miller (CA)
Cramer	Hefner	Miller (FL)
Crane	Heineman	Mineta
Cremeans	Henger	Minge
Cubin	Hilleary	Mink
Cunningham	Hilliard	Molinar
Danner	Hinchey	Mollohan
Davis	Hobson	Moorhead
de la Garza	Hoekstra	Moran
Deal	Hoke	Morella
DeFazio	Holden	Murtha
DeLauro	Horn	Myers